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**United States Senate**  
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

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The Honorable Paul Ryan  
Speaker of the House of Representatives  
H-232, The Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510-0001

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I appreciate your leadership, and that of the House of Representatives, in responding to Americans' concerns about the security of the nation's refugee programs. The United States Senate is committed to enhancing the security of our nation and the integrity of our humanitarian refugee programs.

Our committees of jurisdiction have been working hard on this important issue and will keep doing so. The Senate will take up and consider legislation concerning the security of the refugee admission process, in particular, refugees from Syria, in the first quarter of next year.

We look forward to continuing our work, along with our colleagues in the House of Representatives, to put the safety of Americans first.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Mitch McConnell", with a long, sweeping underline.

MITCH McCONNELL  
MAJORITY LEADER

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